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## Noise ordinance outrages campus and community

By Sean Gossard  
News Editor

Community and University relations took a large step back on August 27th when the Salisbury City Council voted 3-2 to change the punishments for the city's noise ordinance.

Under the revised set of penalties, anyone receiving a citation for noise will be charged with a misdemeanor and may be forced to pay a fine of \$500 and spend no more than 90 days in jail.

"No one is going to go to jail for 90 days," said Salisbury Police Chief Alan Webster. "The judges will most likely give out community service."

However, a misdemeanor charge can stay on a person's record long after the sentence is carried out. This mark may impede someone from getting a job, especially the high level security jobs many students look for in Washington D.C., according to Rebecca Emery, Director of Career Services.

The change was brought up by Police Chief Alan Webster who wanted to clean up the language in the code and make the penalties meet the standards of the community. Previously the offenses were punishable by escalating fines, starting at \$100.

"There is no latitude with this new amendment," said City Councilwoman Debbie Campbell. "Either the cops do nothing or issue a misdemeanor, no in between," continued Campbell.

Councilwomen Terry Cohen and Debbie Campbell were opposed to the new amendments being made to the noise ordinance.

"This law needs to be properly written to protect both residents' peaceful enjoyment of their homes and their civil rights, not one at the expense of the other," stated Cohen.

Opposition to this new change not only came from two of the five members of the council but also from residents of the community and Salisbury University alike.

Vice President of Student Affairs Ellen Neufeldt read a statement before the meeting to try changing the council's minds about sending such a severe message to the students of the university.

"Everyone has worked very hard

on improving community relations and this seemed like a step back," stated Neufeldt.

The SGA is preparing a statement to be read at the next city council meeting on September 10th.

"The SGA's view is that of disappointment. This is defiantly a step back but we don't want to ruin community relations," said Kevin Dallaire, SGA Vice President of External Affairs.

Members of the Camden neighborhood, including community leader Tim Spies, have expressed anger at the new amendments.

One resident stated, "I get woken up at two in the morning and it's an inconvenience, but if I have to deal with that so a student doesn't go to jail, I will."

Many members of the community and university have expressed opposition to this new amendment because of its discrimination against Salisbury students.

"The school didn't even know this was happening until the Friday before it was voted on and passed," said Dallaire, who, along with Neufeldt, has been trying to work against this change.

Although the issue was brought up in October 2006, the Salisbury City Council did not start legislation until after the spring 2007 council elections and after the spring 2007 semester ended.

Along with the timing of these changes, many of the scenarios Chief Webster brought up dealt exclusively with college parties.

In one example he mentioned a college party of 300 students getting out of hand with several attendees urinating on neighbor's yards. Councilwoman Cohen responded that unless the students were "going number one loudly" it was a separate matter.

Chief Webster has adamantly rejected the idea that this new amendment is in any way targeting Salisbury students.

"I don't want there to be a clash between the students and us," stated Webster. "I have to ensure everyone's safety," he continued.

Webster reiterated that he did not actually change the ordinance, only the penalties. Currently the ordinance is worded in several ways. Some portions state that you must be quiet between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. while others parts



Salisbury University students may find themselves at the District Courthouse if they have violate the new noise ordinance.

Photo by Sarah Wright

read that residents must keep an appropriate noise level at all hours of the day.

Other violations to the noise ordinance include loud birds and other animals, excessively noisy radios and opening boxes too loudly.

In order to regulate a noise infraction some council members suggested police use a tool to measure decibel levels. This tool would allow more evidence in court, but Chief Webster believes it will take away from the police officer's discretion.

"If the decibel reader indicates the noise at 51 and the cutoff is 50 then the officer will have no choice than

to issue a misdemeanor," said Webster.

Other ideas for the new penalty system were to adopt the one Fruitland has in place. A Fruitland police officer can issue a civil infraction or misdemeanor.

"A lot of thought and time has gone into their law and it has worked out very well," said Cohen who, with Campbell, was criticized for taking the new amendments to work sessions before the vote was made.

"Good laws take time," stated Cohen.

So far there are no plans in the making to change the noise ordi-

nance or its penalties.

"Ideally, this law should be sent back for revisions to eliminate inconsistencies and add measurable definitions for equitable enforcement," stated Cohen.

Kevin Dallaire said that the best advice is to be cooperative. "The more cooperative you are the better your chances at not getting arrested," said Dallaire.

Webster has said that the police force is up to strength and more likely to give out warnings for first offenses, especially if the offenders are cooperative.

## New construction scheduled at SU

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

With the TETC building nearing completion, more expected construction for the school may not be enjoyed by most of SU's current students.

"Salisbury University is in the midst of one of the most important periods of development and opportunity in its relatively short 80 year history," said Greig Mitchell, the University's Vice President of Administration and Finance.

The next construction project for the University will be a 700-car parking garage located on the corner of Bateman and Wayne Street, adjacent to the baseball field. Construction on the facility should start in May of 2008 and is projected to finish in June 2009.

Immediately following in July 2009, the school will begin construction on the new home of the Perdue School of Business. It will be located where the former University Police headquarters was, across from the back of Henson, next to Route 13.

Mitchell stated that it is too early in the design process to give a clear picture of how the building will turn out but assured, "The building's appearance and architecture will be consistent with the rest of the academic buildings on campus."

Mitchell also claimed that students will not see a rise in tuition due to the new changes. "The Perdue School of Business is being funded by an \$8 million contribution from the Perdue Foundation and bond funds from the state of Maryland that do not require repayment by the University. The parking facility is being financed with University System of Maryland bonds and will be repaid for from campus auxiliary revenue including parking fees," said Mitchell.

Also in the future, Salisbury can look forward to the demolition of Caruthers Hall since it can not be effectively renovated or maintained. The administration is also looking at the possibility a new library but the library has not been funded by the state of Maryland yet.

Junior Sarah Ashton, a business major, said, "Even though we may not be able to enjoy these new changes they will give the school an even better image and that's something to be proud of from the school you're graduating from."



## Career survey guides both new and old students

By Alexander Ruoff  
Staff Writer

University students have long been unaware of a useful resource provided by the Career Services Web site, the First Destination Survey.

The First Destination Survey provides data concerning recent graduates. The website is intended to give new students insight into the career opportunities available for each major and graduating students some expectations while starting their new careers. The survey crushes data real-time and provides a student-friendly format.

"It is very difficult to get the word out there about the website, because the only students who know about it are leaving," Career Services

Associate Director Russell Endicott said. "A lot of students who can really make a good use of this tool have no idea that it's there for them," continued Endicott.

Facts such as average student salary after graduation, signing bonuses, additional income, job satisfaction, internship information, and employment location are categorized by major and available for students.

"I think that Career Services have a lot to offer us as students," alumni Rick Daress said, "however, I also feel that not everyone is aware of the opportunities and services that are offered through the website."

Surveyors at computer stations in the bookstore collect the data when graduates purchase caps and gowns.

Over 700 students completed the survey last year, representing 73% of the spring graduating class. Alumni are asked to update their surveys six months after graduation.

"We want students to see what past students have done," Endicott said. "They can see what how well they are doing and use that to judge how much they should expect in terms of salary and benefits when entering into a new job after graduating," he continued.

Universities across the nation have been implementing the First Destination Survey. The chancellor's office at Chapel Hill uses the survey as a factor in determining the effectiveness of its academic departments. The University of Central Florida, as well as the

Rensselaer Career Development Center, has implemented the survey in order to track student progress for up to ten years after graduation.

"I think this sounds like a great tool for looking at my upcoming future and seeing where I should be next year," said psychology senior Flannery Barnes. "I don't know why I have never heard of it before."

SU bought the Web site from Career Dimensions, a company that designs Web sites, five years ago and began customization of the instrument in early fall 2002. Beta testing started early in 2003 and all customizations were finalized by spring break. The university bought the basic website package for \$3,900 and spent over \$2,000 to customize it.

The Career and Education Planning System, the original product that can be purchased from CD, is a byproduct of the IBM Corporation's Education and Career Exploration System for use in high schools, and the IBM Employee Development Planning System for use by adults in career transition. The two IBM systems, which dated back to the 1960's, were considered state of the art pioneering efforts that helped define the field of computer based career exploration and planning.

The survey can be accessed through the Career Services Web site by searching for "first destination," or by going directly to <http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices/Facstaff/Survey.html>.

### Story Brief

## Field Hockey goes undefeated during Invitational

The No.6 Salisbury University field hockey team (4-1) earned three victories over the weekend's 2007 Salisbury University Invitational, beating Denison 4-1 and SUNY Brockport 5-0 on Saturday, and then defeating Eastern Mennonite University 6-0 on Sunday.



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## News briefs

FIRST MEETING OF THE PRSSA

THE NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS CLUB WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST MEETING ON WEDNESDAY SEPT. 12 FROM 8:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. IN FULTON 111. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS SOCIETY OF AMERICA (PRSSA) IS A CLUB FORMED TO HELP PR MAJORS FORM FUTURE AND PRACTICAL RELATIONS WITH PR FIRMS. THE CLUB WILL HOLD WEEKLY MEETINGS AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

SALISBURY CELEBRATES FUN DAY

SALISBURY WILL BE CELEBRATING FUN DAY ON SATURDAY SEPT. 15 WITH CIRCUS THEMED EVENTS. THE MAIN EVENT INCLUDES TWO SHOWS FROM THE ZANT UNIBELLA CIRCUS AT 12:30 AND 2 P.M. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND INCLUDE MANY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AROUND HENSON, MAGGS AND FULTON. GAMES AND CRAFTS ARE BEING SPONSORED BY VARIOUS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND STUDENT GROUPS.

SENIOR NPR CORRESPONDENT TALKS AT SALISBURY

ON SEPTEMBER 18, SU WELCOMES JUAN WILLIAMS, EMMY AWARD-WINNING SENIOR NPR CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR OF THE NONFICTION BESTSELLER EYES ON THE PRIZE: AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS YEARS, 1954-1965. HIS TALK ACCOMPANIES AN SU SCREENING OF EYES ON THE PRIZE, A CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED 14-PART DOCUMENTARY OF TRUE STORIES FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA WHICH BEGAN SEPTEMBER 4. SCREENINGS CONTINUE EVERY TUESDAY AT 7 P.M. IN THE CARUTHERS AUDITORIUM.

CHEJERE PERFORMS AT SALISBURY

CHEJERE (MEXICAN FOR "WOODPECKER") WILL PLAY AT SALISBURY'S WICOMICO ROOM WEDNESDAY SEPT. 12. THE GROUP OFFERS A VARIETY OF MEXICAN-STYLE MUSIC WITH A BLEND OF CARIBBEAN AND AFRO-LATIN RHYTHMS. THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 7 P.M. AND WILL FOLLOW A SPECIAL DINNER IN THE BISTRO WHICH WILL GO FROM 5-7 P.M.

## New system to speed emergency response

By Thomas Roger  
Staff Writer

This past week, the university sent out a campus-wide e-mail regarding the introduction of a new emergency notification system. The new system aims to quickly inform faculty and students when an emergency takes place and instruct them to an appropriate response.

The new system comes four months after the Virginia Tech shootings and is designed to notify students if a similar event ever occurs at SU. The system will also be used in the event of fires or natural disasters.

The notifications come in the form of text or voice messages to the student or faculty's cell phone and contain the nature of the emergency as well as instructions to preserve safety.

St. Mary's College of Maryland has a similar system, and during a nearby armed robbery, the college was able to successfully lockdown their campus in only six minutes.

So far, ninety-five percent of all incoming freshmen have registered for the Salisbury system. Anyone wishing to receive the notifications should register at [www.salisbury.edu/emergency/nofification.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/emergency/nofification.html).



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## Crime beat

09/02/07  
02:34 a.m.-03:10 a.m.  
Intoxicated Subject

University Police responded to Dogwood Village for an intoxicated student. Salisbury EMS transported the student to PRMC for treatment.

09/04/07  
03:30 p.m.-03:35 p.m.  
Theft

A student reported that a backpack was stolen from the first floor area in Maggs Gym. The backpack had been left unattended.

09/03/07-09/05/07  
11 p.m.-11 a.m.  
Suspicious Circumstances

Two students reported finding checks from the Tennis Center. Both checks were returned to the Tennis Center.

09/07/07  
02:19 a.m.-02:25 a.m.  
CDS Violation

While in the area of Severn Hall a University Police officer detected the presence of CDS. Subsequent investigation resulted in the recovery of CDS. Criminal charges were filed against a student.

09/07/07  
03:07 a.m.-03:47 a.m.  
Reckless Endangerment (Off-Campus)

A University Police Officer responded to the Onley Rd. area to assist the Sheriff's Office regarding a malicious destruction in progress complaint. Upon arrival, the officer observed a student with a weapon. The student was arrested by Salisbury Police.

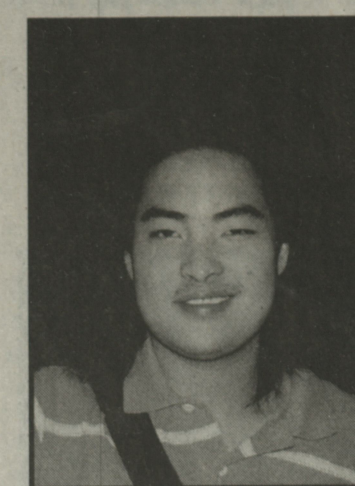
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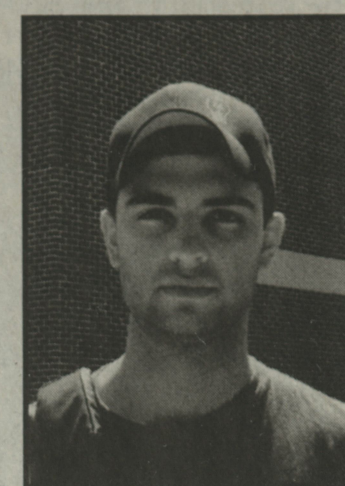
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## Overheard: How will the new noise ordinance affect your college experience?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



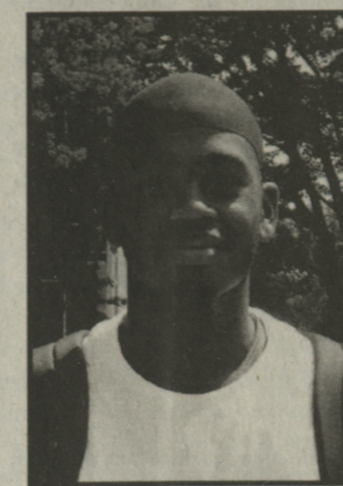
"I think that it's dumb that families move in to a college town and complain if they know there's gonna be noise."  
Geoff Ernst - senior



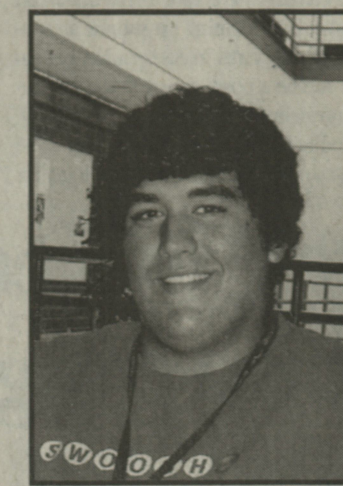
"I don't think it will matter that much. It's pointed towards parties that are being too loud, not individuals."  
James Arrington - sophomore



"I'm worried about the impact it's going to have on Relay For Life."  
Julie Bayer - senior



"I probably won't be able to treat my dorm room like home or have music as loud as I want it."  
Quentin Briscoe - sophomore



"I'll be quieter I guess."  
Mark Peterson - freshman



"It probably won't really change it because they can't be everywhere at once and campus is pretty quiet anyway."  
Velora Branch - sophomore

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## Letter From the Editor

## Welcome back SU Community Members!

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I would like to formally introduce myself as the newest Editor in Chief of The Flyer, Salisbury University's Student Voice.

I'm sure that you don't want to read a long letter in which I repeatedly express how excited I am about taking up this position. So I'll just say it once: I am extremely excited and honored to be the newest representative of your voice.

We have had an enormous turnover of staff members since May's graduation. I would like to warmly welcome and congratulate the following newest members of The Flyer's Editorial Staff: Matt Rains, Pulse Editor; Amanda Hailey, Life & Style Editor; Corey Meissner, Editorials Editor; Sarah Wright, Photo Editor; and Dino Beslagie, Webmaster. I would also like to welcome the following new Flyer office staff members: Leslie Pusey, Advisor; Tammy Gharbi, Graduate Intern; and Rena Zerr, Resident Secretary. Finally, I would like to welcome back all of my returning staff members.

Since the moment I was told that

I would be Editor in Chief, ideas as to how I can improve our publications have been furiously bouncing around in my head. One idea that definitely stood out was to go BIG. The sky is the limit. Well, actually, the amount of money in our bank account is the limit. Regardless, both The Flyer and The Pulse will be bigger than they were last year. "Bigger" is not meant to imply longer articles. We want to include fun, quick-read pieces that you can all look forward to in each publication. We also want to make our articles more interesting, exciting and, to a certain extent, a little more controversial. Controversy is what makes journalists tick. It's what we thrive on.

We would also like to make our name more prominently known across campus. We will be frequenting school-sponsored events as well as physically putting copies of new editions into the hands of anyone who will take them. We want EVERYONE to read our publications.

Finally, I would like to promise each and every one of you that I will personally make sure that we

at The Flyer and The Pulse are doing everything within our power to truly represent the voice of the students. You tell us what you want (within reason) and we will do our best to include it in our publications. And, if you don't like the way we're doing it, join our staff and do it yourself! We are always looking for new staff members. If you've got something to say to the SU community and you don't want to join our staff, write a letter to the editor and we'll try to include it in our next publication. We are also always open to suggestions. Send us an e-mail! And don't be afraid to come up to either myself or one of my staff members to voice your suggestions. We don't bite.

Exciting things are happening at The Flyer, people. We would love for all of you to be a part of it. All were asking is that you read our newspaper each week and our magazine each month. We'll do the rest.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Lake, Editor in Chief

## The cell phone invasion

By Lauren Zarin  
Staff Writer

The daily life of a college student is infested with distractions that often hinder the student's ability to concentrate on his or her education. Some will choose to succumb to those distractions, putting social life first, and others will seek a way around them. For those who try to avoid them, one of the most prominent issues is finding a place to do homework in an environment devoid of obstacles like the constant buzz of music, television, roommates, partying and cell phones.

In search of the silent sanctuary, one immediately thinks of the school library. Libraries are notorious for having strict sound ordinances and atmospheres designed for undisturbed study. However, if someone walks into Salisbury University's Blackwell Library with these expectations, they might be a bit disappointed. The facility itself is conducive to a myriad of academic activities. There are plenty of public computers with high-speed Internet connections, a nice literary collection, and an abundance of spacious desks. There is even a "study floor" upstairs, furnished with comfortable couches and cushioned chairs. The only problem is that while the education-conscious student may have escaped

the music, television, roommates and partying, the cell phone annoyance is still a factor!

Despite the fast growing emergence of cell phone conversations in inappropriate places, this particular scene still comes as a shock. What happened to the times where a librarian would shush any noise above a dull whisper? Anyone who's ever been in a library knows that it is tedious to be noisy. Since it's safe to say that Blackwell is not a first library experience for most college students, why is it that this courtesy seems to elude many of them? Here it is commonplace to be deep in study, only to be jarred from concentration by a loud, obnoxious ring tone. Forgetting to silence a cell phone is forgivable, but the real shock comes when the phone's owner not only answers the call, but proceeds to have a full-on conversation. Surrounded by quiet, studying students, this act is a display of sheer disrespect.

The library does have a cell phone policy that "prohibits" cell phone use in the upstairs study level, but only "strongly discourages" conversing on the main floor. Unfortunately, the rules are loosely enforced. It is very rare that the library staff will actually ask a student to turn the phone off or step outside. Why the phones are permitted on any floor of the library is baffling. There is

absolutely no need for them. From any point in the building, the front door is only steps away. If a student is awaiting a vital phone call while doing their homework, there is no reason that the phone can't be set to vibrate, and carried outside if it goes off. Not only is it disrespectful to ignore the need for silence, it also creates an epidemic of self-absorbed aloofness. When one student is gabbling on their phone in the library, it tells otherwise rule-abiding newbies that this practice is acceptable.

It is unfortunate that students cannot find shelter from the noise-storm in their campus library. Perhaps a revision of the rules and degree of enforcement is in order. Extending the "no phone" rule to the first floor would serve students well, but no rule is effective without consistent implementation. Some initial austerity would most likely lead to the gradual development of a self-governed library populace. Once students are aware that their disruptive conversations will not be tolerated, chances are that such occurrences will dwindle. The goal is to resurrect the idea that phone use in libraries is strictly taboo and eventually reach a point where that fact is again common knowledge.

## ~SUDOKU~

### The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

2				5	1		4
	1	9		4			
		3		8	2		
8			3		6	7	
	4		5	1		3	
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Difficulty Rating: Medium

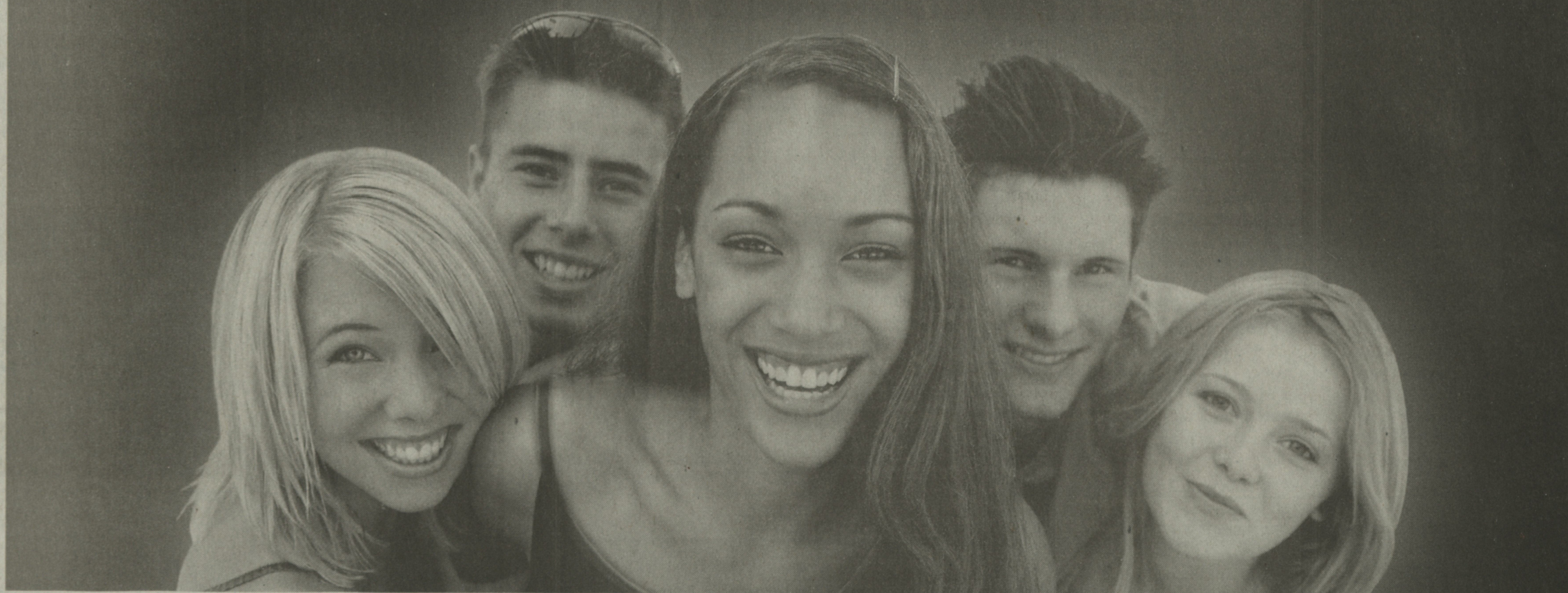
### Solution to last semester's puzzle:

5	4	7	2	8	9	6	1	3
2	1	8	5	3	6	9	4	7
3	6	9	7	1	4	5	2	8
6	9	5	3	4	1	7	8	2
4	8	3	9	7	2	1	6	5
1	7	2	6	5	8	4	3	9
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9	2	4	8	6	5	3	7	1

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# A note from the vice president of student affairs

On behalf of the more than 100 members of the Student Affairs Division, I would like to welcome those students new to the Salisbury community and those students returning for another exciting and eventful year. Big changes have taken place in recent times at the university.

A new turf has been laid at the football complex, so come on out and support our Gulls! Freshmen are parking in the Dresser lot. The University hosted a wonderful speaker - Jeanette Walls, author of the New York Times best seller The Glass Castle and once again the University is sponsoring one of the largest incoming classes in the institution's history.

We certainly have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. Coming up soon is a number of great events, please plan to participate and be a positive part of the dynamic University community. On Saturday, September 15 SU will host Fun Day. The campus and community come together for a day filled with games, events, and activities for all age groups. Also mark your calendar for Family Weekend on September 28 - 30, Sea Gull Century on October 6, and Homecoming Weekend on October 18 - 20. Check out the SU website for details.

In addition to the programs and events scheduled to start the academic year, the University has also worked hard this summer to make sure you feel safe and secure on campus. A new emergency text messaging system is now in place. In the case of a campus emergency students can be texted with information and instructions. Right now more than 95% of the incoming class has signed up for emergency text messaging.

If you wish to sign up for emergency text messaging to your personal cell phone, please go to [www.salisbury.edu/emergency/notification.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/emergency/notification.html) for detailed instructions. In addition, the University is also in the process of installing a system of emergency sirens and loud speakers. Details and directions will be forthcoming as the installation occurs.

70 more days til Thanks-giving break!

## United States' forced democracy: right or wrong?

By Jeremy Riffle  
Staff Writer

In a matter of weeks, two former prime ministers of Pakistan will have emerged from planes that will have brought them back to their homeland after years of exile. The impending return of these two expatriate politicians, Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, coincides with a resurgence of democratic sympathies within their nation. Pakistanis, frustrated by years of the military's meddling excessive influence in their government, are beginning to demand the end of General Pervez Musharraf's rule. Until recently, Musharraf, a U.S. ally in the "War on Terror," had received dogged support from America despite his attempts to consolidate power and suppress dissent.

During his second inaugural address, President Bush declared, "[I]t is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements... in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world." His administration would also "encourage reform [in other nations] by making clear that success in our relations will require the decent treatment of their own people." Today, after two and a half years have passed, the U.S. government has apparently decided to fulfill its promise to democracy.

Last month, it was reported that, because of widespread opposition to his government, Musharraf considered proclaiming a state of emergency, which would have been tantamount to declaring martial law. According to reports from Pakistani officials, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called General Musharraf and convinced him not to take such a drastic step. It appears that the United States has decided that Musharraf needs to refrain from heavy-handed tactics and permit some level of dissent in his country or support for his regime would be jeopardized. This is a direct contrast to U.S. policies towards other states. For example, the United States touts its reasonably good relations with non-democratic Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the People's Republic of China, and until recently, Russia.

There have been doubts expressed about the ability of democracy to flourish in certain regions of the world, especially in the Middle East. Many critics believe that aspects of the region's culture, particularly the prevalence of Islam, hinder the growth of the democratic process and view human rights as less important than other issues. Others believe that democracy in the area risks stability and peace more than the autocratic governments already in place. The victories of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Iranian elections in 2005 and Hamas in Palestine in 2006 would suggest that the underlying trend is towards fundamental Islamic government. However, there are other factors involved.

In 1979, when the Islamic revolution overcame Iran, the movement had the support of the population because of the simple fact that it had actually succeeded where other movements had failed. For decades, the royal family of Iran had enjoyed strong American support in exchange for access to resources, such as oil, and cooperation during the Cold War. Among the acts of support the U.S. provided was the overthrow of a democratically elected government and any reform movements that threatened the status quo. As a result, when the shah was overthrown, the populace backed the revolutionaries. This revolutionary movement became the backbone of the Iranian political authority, and still has considerable influence in Iranian politics today.

Fears that the Palestinians have become supportive of violent extremists are unfounded and simplistic. The little-known truth behind Hamas' surprising victory in 2006 is that his triumph was the result of a poorly organized campaign by the ruling party, Fatah. Hamas' campaign centered on the need for reform in the Palestinian Authority and strategically chose its candidates. Fatah, on the other hand, was unable to decide on sole nominees, which split Fatah votes and allowed Hamas to emerge victorious. It is an accepted truth that poorly organized parties will have a smaller probability of winning than organized parties. It has little to do with fundamentalism.

Perhaps the best argument that there can be Islamic democracies is the fact that there are some in existence today: Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, has a thriving and stable democracy, as does Turkey, a state that values secularism highly. Both of these nations have issues, and are not perfect, but then again, is there such a thing as a perfect government?

Democracy and Islam are not incompatible. Secretary Rice's phone call to General Musharraf needs to be the first step in a change of U.S. policy. The world does not need strongmen presiding over shallow democracies in order to be safe. Let Pakistanis choose their own government. Let freedom ring.

## Taking freedom for granted

By Rachel Vontobel  
Staff Writer

I was recently flipping through the television stations trying to find something amusing when I came along a series of news channels. On two of the channels, there was "breaking news" that Lindsay Lohan was arrested the night before for her second set of DUI and drug-related charges. The basic gist of each station was, "Is she spiraling out of control?" Well, my answer to that would be, "Yes, since The Parent Trap was released." It's not exactly news.

When I flipped to CNN, the headline read something like "July 2007 was the deadliest month for American soldiers and Iraqi civilians, August in close 2nd." I proceeded to go back to the other channels to make sure I was actually seeing this, and noticed a small scroll line at the bottom of the screen displaying the news I had just seen on CNN. Did they really think the dirt on Lohan was more important than the death of our troops? What is wrong with our culture that makes us prefer the Lohan news to the War on Iraq?

Our country is fascinated with over-the-top celebrities, most of whom don't deserve their fortune. It's amazing that someone like Lindsay Lohan, star of I Know Who Killed Me, arguably the worst movie of the summer, is "worth" \$7.5 million a movie. Paris Hilton, who suckles off of her father's multi-million dollar hotel chain, is reportedly paid \$3 million to traipse around with her best friend on The Simple Life. An active-duty soldier (depending on experience) makes between \$15,282 and \$54,036 a year, not even enough to cover a third of the cost for the Bentley Paris Hilton drives around Beverly Hills.

It's amazing that these celebrities enroll themselves in outrageously expensive rehab centers to get their lives under control. Maybe they are in the wrong desert. Wouldn't it be more rehabilitating to send them to Fallujah for thirty minutes rather than Palm Springs for a couple of weeks? Of course, but it will never happen.

If we crave celebrity news so much, it should be focused on the people like Bill Gates. He donates an overwhelming amount of his money to various charities and programs that he and his wife have created for less fortunate people and animals. It's even nice to see every once in awhile the celebrities like Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt walking around underprivileged areas. The amount of money they actually donate is undisclosed, but the time they spend with starving children who look up to them is priceless.

Unfortunately, it's not just the bratty, non-deserving celebrities who are culprits of not appreciating the service men and women. The other day, I heard someone talking about the stupid car their parents bought them over the summer. By the sounds of the conversation, the car just wasn't good enough. I'm not going to say that I think my 2003 Honda Civic is the coolest car,

because I too wish I had something better. But I often remind myself that I'm not a 15 year old kid riding my old, rusty bike to school on the streets of Baghdad, praying that the car I ride by doesn't blow up or a \$12 Iraqi extremist suicide bomb.

There are ways to make our lives more worthwhile without necessarily enlisting in any kind of military service. We can provide support to the people who are brave enough to take on such a task. Probably the most recognized organization is the United Service Organization (USO). You probably remember the USO from all the coverage after legendary entertainer Bob Hope died a few years ago. He was responsible for making the USO so popular during the Vietnam War. After Bob Hope died, the USO organized a tour of celebrities and athletes to visit the service men and women overseas. If you take five minutes to navigate the website, you will find numerous opportunities in your area.

I'm not as innocent as I may sound; I'm just as guilty as the next person, but every once in awhile I do realize that I'm forgetting about all the soldiers who have died or fought in a war in order for me to lay on the couch and watch TV for five minutes. This whole notion of "freedom" is something that we all take for granted at one point or another. So put your political beliefs aside for this one, and do something that will make you feel better about yourself, and help out someone who protects the fact that you can attend Salisbury University.

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Students have to be willing to speak up, too. We have to create an environment in which students can say they are uncomfortable doing something without fearing negative repercussions. Getting involved is a way to build character and friendships, and it should be available without subjecting people to mental or physical harm or humiliation. This means finding alternate methods to make new members feel like part of the group.

If you need a quick bite between classes, skip the vending machine and opt for a healthier, more fulfill-

ing snack. The Gull's Nest and Cool Beans, both located in the Guerrieri Center offer quick, fun, sit-down eating experiences, while Satellite Dining in Henson, Fulton, and Caruthers offer a wide variety of fresh sandwiches, salads, and snacks for those on the go.

SU's chef, dietician, directors, and managers all collaborate in order to ensure a variety of food choices for all types of students by offering substantial vegetarian, vegan, low fat, and heart healthy choices. Commons manager Doug Jones also stresses the importance of student input. "We like getting feedback from our students." The F.O.O.D. (Focus on Our Dining committee) is a great way to voice your comments and suggestions. Meetings begin on September 19 and are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. Students can call 410-543-6015 to join. If you have any questions or concerns about your nutrition habits, feel free to contact SU's dietician, Kate Cerulli, at 410-548-9112 to arrange an appointment.

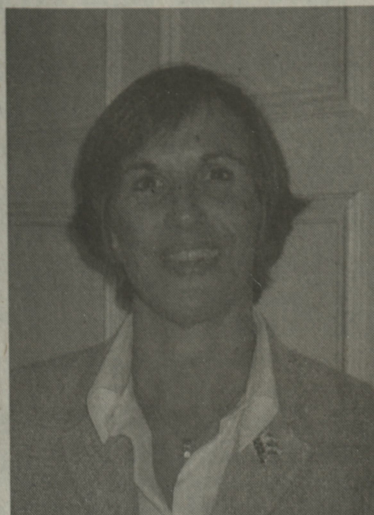
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# LIFE&STYLE

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## People who make a difference: Paula Morris

By Amanda Hailey  
Life & Style Editor



Christine Burgess photo

Paula Morris stands in front of her 9 a.m. Principles of Marketing class-wearing an apron which reads "Paula's Lemonade". No, Morris is not actually selling lemonade, but is instead trying an interactive approach to get her students thinking about the four P's of Marketing: Product, Price, Placement and Promotion. Morris takes her students back to the glory days of their youth by providing an example of how an eight-year old can make money by selling lemonade, thereby showing students they already know aspects of the marketing process.

The energy that exudes from Morris is contagious. "Marketing is fun," said Morris. "If you're not having fun, you need to find something else to do."

Morris is entering her twenty-first semester at SU. She has taught quite a few classes, including: Sales & Sales Management, Consumer Behavior, Advertising & Promotion and her staple class, Principles of Marketing. Morris studied marketing at East Carolina University and received her M.B.A. from George Washington University. Prior to her teaching career at SU, Morris donned a variety of roles, including marketing consultant, travel agent and to implementation specialist for a company called Data Services. Perhaps one of her most significant roles, in addition to being a teacher, wife, and mother of three, is her work with the non-profit organization Kids of Honor.

Morris, while working for Data Services and doing fundraising for

ing in Wicomico, Somerset and Dorchester counties. KOH also provides some support in Annapolis. Morris says it's all about "empowering" the kids to realize opportunities while providing support to them and their families until they graduate from high school. "We build community," Morris says. "It's collaborative." KOH locates the children by visiting after school or church programs, "catches" them and supports them and their families until they graduate from high school, according to Morris.

Morris utilizes her love of teaching and her love of KOH, often combining them together. This semester, Morris's Marketing 331 class will be helping with a Scavenger Hunt and Pig Roast scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit Kids of Honor. A group of students in this class will be organizing the Scavenger Hunt, which will take place all around Salisbury. Additional information about KOH can be found at [www.kidsofhonor.org](http://www.kidsofhonor.org).

Morris is an energetic and exuberant teacher, who is making a difference not only in her students' lives, but also, in the lives of so many other children. Morris is a National Points of Light recipient, winning this prestigious award for her work with Kids of Honor in February 2006.

"I love seeing the light bulbs coming on in your heads," Morris says. "If it's not fun, we don't want to do it."

KOH works in conjunction with 19 other partners to provide support to kids in the community. Morris adds the focus is on fourth to eighth graders, and KOH is currently help-

## Students encouraged to join SGA

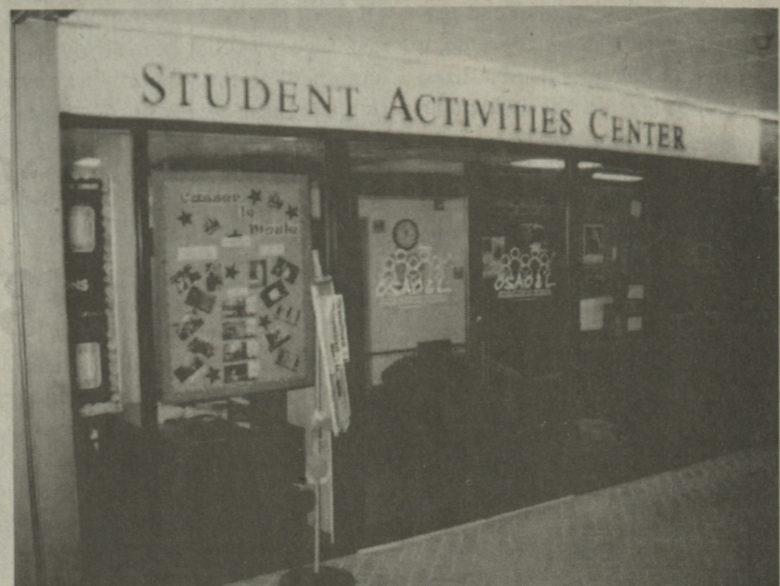
by David Lapkoff  
Staff Writer

In our culture it is considered a virtue to stand up and voice one's opinion and bring about change. One voice echoing in the ears of many can be very powerful. This is true here at Salisbury University as much as anywhere, and the student body has the SGA to act as our liaison to the school administration and make their voices heard. The SGA mission statement is very poignant, reading: "Your school, your community, your SGA." The SGA channels the student voice. Their goal is to encourage students to become genuinely more involved, especially behind the scenes. We're fortunate to have a faculty here at Salisbury that does want to know how students feel about issues that affect them, and looks towards students for solutions. Lindsey Carroll, Speaker of the Senate for the SGA, describes the organization as a sort of middle man, keeping the student body informed of important local issues, prompting students to become more involved in the decision making process, and facilitating the passing of information between faculty and student.

The SGA did a lot last year, including planning the Big Event in the spring and the Homecoming festivities in the fall, as well as an ongoing campaign encouraging student voting in Salisbury City Council elections. However, the biggest issue that came up last year was parking. To try and better understand the feelings of the student body and think-tank any new ideas, the SGA created "What Do You Want Wednesdays." Every Wednesday a golf cart would roam up and down the Salisbury campus offering rides to students in exchange for their opinions. For instance; polling stu-

dents for their priorities on where funding should go, and submitting their findings to the faculty. Since then, plans for a school parking

your resume, and it's great for networking. You meet so many people, even the president of the university," said Lindsey Carroll, regarding



Kurt Auer photo

garage have been put in motion to be built not far from the main campus. "What Do You Want Wednesdays" is expected to begin again soon and will be asking students a range of questions varying from their feelings on the new Salisbury noise ordinance to thoughts about the Electronic Notification System.

One reliable means of getting in touch with the SGA is through the open forum held every other Sunday throughout the semester beginning on September 9 at 7 p.m. in Henson 243. The open forum allows students to attend in order to stay abreast of campus issues and make his or her voice heard. For students who really want to get involved can apply to become an SGA senator. Why become a senator? First off, the position grants you a vote on SGA issues, but current members will tell you it does so much more. "It builds character, it's good for

her tenure on the student senate. Anyone who wishes to apply can pick up a form from the SGA office inside the Student Activities Office located on the first floor of the Guerrieri University Center.

Also new to the SGA this year is the Freshman Committee. The new position will act as an integrator for freshmen into the University system and will prepare them for a leadership position in the future. Speaker of the Senate Lindsey Carroll is also heading up the new committee. "We really want to promote early leadership in our freshmen and get them involved with great people so they can excel," said Carroll. "We would love to see more student involvement, like if our forums were bustling out with people." More information on the SGA and their upcoming events can be found at the SGA homepage at <http://sga.salisbury.edu>.

## National Hazing Month promotes awareness

By Jillian Verpelt  
Staff Writer

A girl maneuvers her way through the halls of her high school wearing curlers in her hair, a bathrobe, and knee-high black boots. People snicker as she walks by. Of course, everyone in the school knows that the field hockey girls have decided to welcome a new freshman to their ranks. Welcome to the team.

The new recruits down their drinks, the faster the better, as others cheer them on. The more a guy can handle, the better the impression the older guys have. It is pledge time.

Portrayed above are two completely different scenes. They do have one very real similarity: both are forms of hazing. Hazing is not, as many people picture in their minds, only restricted to college fraternities and sororities, nor is it just subjecting someone to a harmless prank. The Student Code of Conduct here at Salisbury University defines hazing as "...any act which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into any student organization sanctioned by the university." That means that dressing a teammate up in a bathrobe to get a laugh out of her public humiliation is a form of hazing.

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## SU Commons offers students a healthy alternative

By Karis King  
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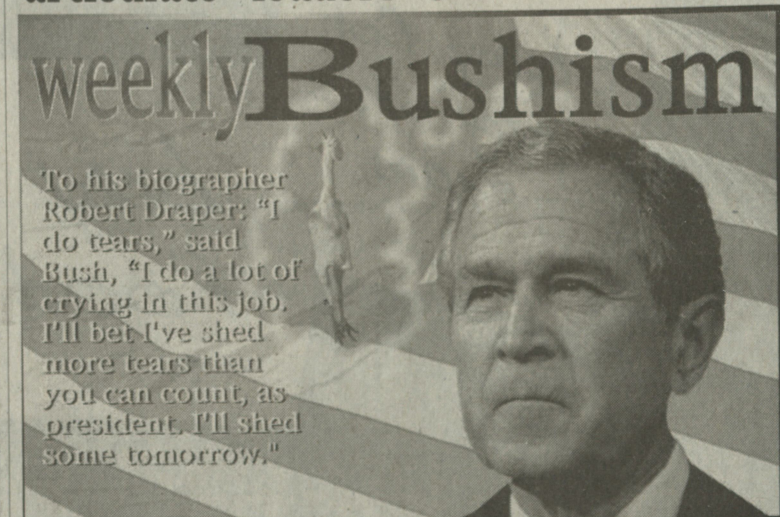
A perceptive stroll through the Commons shows a variety of eating habits among the SU campus community. While one passerby is balancing a mountain of fries in a sea of nacho cheese while contending with a slice of pizza for plate room, another is convinced that the mesquite lunchtime apple will go straight to their thighs. Yet another composes a medley of ice cream and cakes as a sufficient meal. They are all, in some way, greatly affected by their eating habits.

The key to proper nutrition is balance. With better eating habits you will immediately notice a difference in how you look and feel. Luckily, you are not alone. Pick up Salisbury University's monthly Café Express dining guide for nutritional news, monthly happenings, and a daily Commons menu. "We try to make it easy for students to make healthy food choices by giving them as much information as we can," says Commons Manager, Doug Jones. "On the Bistro menu, any items that have the little heart symbol after them are heart healthy."

With such a variety of healthy food choices for SU students, nutrition should be a priority. A good rule of thumb is to keep fried foods to a minimum and go for grilled, baked, or broiled items. Don't forget to stock up on fruits and vegetables. In the Café Express, SU dietician Kate Cerulli stresses that fruits and vegetables are vital to healthy nutrition, reducing your risk of chronic diseases such as stroke, cardiovascular diseases and certain cancers.

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## And now a message from our articulate leader: GW



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Mark Sangria  
Avocado Hummus with Tortilla Chips  
Chicken Tapa  
Pork Chops with Onion  
Seasoned Potatoes with Brandy & Cream  
Pinto Pican Pork Beans  
White Rice  
Corn Bread  
Tostitos Zucchini Stew  
Chickpeas & Spinach  
Crispy Bread  
Cheesecake with Cinnamon Sugar  
Iris Leches Cake  
Tiramisu

Entertainment to follow: Mexican Band "Chejere"  
7 p.m. in The Winemakers Room



## "Cheers 2 U" kicks off brand new semester

By Rachel Lopez  
Staff Writer

There is always that one night where you don't remember how you got home. There is always that one hangover that makes you vow never to pick up another drink again, that one hookup that you vowed never to tell your friends about.

Let's face it; as college students we are no strangers to alcohol and partying. Although it is not all we do, it is an activity that goes hand in hand with college life, just like desks and a classroom. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in 1994, 40 percent of college students reported binge drinking at least once within two weeks of being surveyed. Studies nationwide have shown that there is an alcohol abuse problem among today's college students.

Many at Salisbury University have noticed this problem, and have therefore decided to start a group on campus called Cheers To You. Their goal is to help students know they are not alone, and that it is okay to struggle with drinking. This unique group was the brain seed of a student who was attending AA but did not like it. He felt that more students could benefit from a group that was

specifically geared toward the challenges of trying not to drink or drinking too much in college.

According to Jennifer Berkman, Director of Student Health Services and advisor to the group, "The most exciting part about a group like this is seeing students support one another, admit that their drinking is affecting them in negative ways, and being committed to trying to change." As a part of the group, one can expect to confidentially discuss strategies for cutting back or trying not to drink, as well as use a sense of humor to find other things that are great about college besides drinking. Berkman stated, "Most people start feeling better physically and mentally, and so we reward one another for the improvement of the quality of life that they experience."

If anyone is interested in attending, the groups meet on Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center located across from the Commons in the Camden House on the first floor. "When we see a need, or students come to us with a need, we want to do whatever we can to help. College students are no more immune to alcohol problems than anyone else. There is nothing to be ashamed of," said Berkman.

## Lunchtime yoga increases overall flexibility

By Lindsey Dickinson  
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You wake up at 10 a.m., shower, grab a yogurt for breakfast, and rush to campus for your class from 11-12:15. After class you have a break until 2 p.m. and are looking for something to pass the time.

You're in luck; lunchtime yoga back at Salisbury University. Monday through Thursday, lunchtime yoga is conducted from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the spirituality center (room 206) of the Guerrieri University Center. The classes range from 3-20 participants.

"Lunchtime yoga is perfect for students who are constantly on the run," said Jaime Somers. "It's hard to find time during the day to exercise, and lunchtime yoga makes it easier for students to fit in a work-

out routine."

Not only is lunchtime yoga a great way to pass time on campus, meet other students, and fit in your workout, but it also has many excellent health benefits.

Some of the main benefits of doing yoga include: increasing flexibility, increasing lubrication of joints, and massaging all organs of the body. Yoga has positions that work joints of the body that are rarely used, therefore increasing flexibility.

Yoga is also one of the only activities that "massages all the internal glands and organs of the body in a thorough manner, including some that hardly get externally stimulated during our entire lifetime," according to

Chrys Egan, Communication Arts

## Club Spotlight: SU Dance Company

By Maria Cobb  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Dance Company began in 1960 as the Modern Dance Club. Dance in the forms of ballet, ethnic, jazz, modern, and musical theatre are rehearsed and performed by students. Selected student members, faculty, and even nationally-renowned guest artists take part in choreographing dance works. This organization teaches members to cooperate with one another and conduct as an ensemble in an effort to allow performers as well as viewers to experience dance as an art form.

Membership into the SU Dance Company requires previous dance experience and an entrance audition at the beginning of each semester. Once a member, students register for the DANC-106 Dance Company course, and meet every Monday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for rehearsals and master classes. Students receive benefits such as New York trips to attend Broadway shows, leadership development, and the chance to produce an original choreography. Additionally, as past students have done, members can be awarded the

SU Dance Company Outstanding

Contribution Award, Outstanding Dancer Award, or the National Dance Association Outstanding Dance Minor Award.

The company's executive council consists of President Kristin Jenkins, Vice President Katie Erdman, Treasurer Katie Richman, Secretary Emily Phebus, and Media Relations Officer Tricia May. With the efforts of officers, members, and Director Victoria Hutchinson, SU Dance Company received the Outstanding Student Organization award. Jenkins said, "The SU Dance Company is an organization that gives its members the tools to succeed as both artists and individuals in academic and other pursuits."

This semester is the SU Dance Company's 18th Annual Fall Showcase. The showcase consists of premieres choreographed by select company members. Not only will it be a great performance, but it will benefit a worthy cause. Last fall the showcase benefited the Boys and Girls Club of America. Performances are scheduled for Wednesday-Saturday, November 7-10, at 8 p.m. in Holloway Hall. It is free with SU ID and members of the community are encouraged to attend.



The 2008 SU Dance Company

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

HONEY TASTING WITH APPLES  
HONEY GLAZED SALMON  
POMEGRANATE CHICKEN  
VEGAN BLACK EYED PEAS  
WHITE & WILD RICE  
VEGAN POTATO MUSHROOM KUGEL  
GREEN BEANS WITH LEMON WINE SAUCE  
HONEY GLAZED CARROTS  
CHALLAH BREAD  
HONEY CAKE  
DUTCH APPLE PIE

**ROSH HASHANAH DINNER** 5-7 P.M. IN THE BISTRO

### Benefits of Yoga:

#### ■ Flexibility

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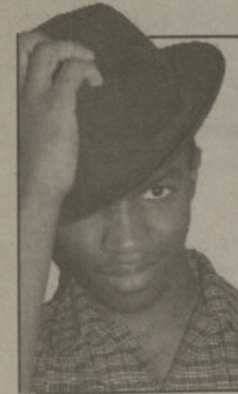
faculty member and Rebecca Emery of Career Services, organized the lunchtime yoga classes so that students can enjoy the many benefits of these exercises.

"I have been practicing yoga for a few years," said Dr. Egan, who helps teach the lunchtime yoga classes. "It's an ideal blend of physicality and spirituality, strength and flexibility, and effort and surrender. In July of 2006, I decided to become a certified Kripala yoga instructor so I took a month-long 200-hour training course. I've been teaching yoga at SU and at a local church since then."

For more information, contact Dr. Egan at cnegan@salisbury.edu.

## Mr. Advice

Mr. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: kb04128@students.salisbury.edu  
Don't be shy, ask anything!



Q: I hate to say it but I got roomed with a germ-phobic person, I think he might have lied about his preferences when he signed up for the dorms! The worst part about it all is that I'm a slub (yeah I can admit it) and I don't know how this semester is going to work. Please is there anything I can do because I do not feel like dealing with this!

A: When a situation happens like this it's always a hassle in the beginning. First thing is, you need to have an open mind (and hopefully your roommate has one as well). Finding out what he prefers and what you prefer now in the beginning of the year will solve a whole bunch of problems later down the road. Maybe he likes to keep it clean for company or maybe you'd prefer to be a bum on the weekends. Whatever it is, talk about what bothers you both and make sure to set some rules down, but don't make rules just to be making them. If something really bothers you, then say it. Otherwise you will begin to build tension between the two of you until one day it explodes. Nobody wants that, now do they? In other words, it isn't always about what you think is right and wrong. You will have an easier time figuring what works best for both of you. The best part about having someone who isn't like you in the room is that you get the opportunity to experience how other people live their lives. It could help you build patience and tolerance for certain quirks that others might have.

Advice of the week:  
Getting your mind right

Getting your mind right is easier said than done. Especially when the semester just makes you hit the ground running, which can be a little discouraging. But that doesn't mean you have to keep that attitude, and it's important that you don't. Constant negative thoughts about school, homework, or how you can't do well on a test will start to manifest themselves. It's hard to believe at first, but once you experience how negative thoughts get you nowhere but lower, you'll understand that maybe a change of mind isn't so bad. By studying, staying confident, and being optimistic you can overcome a lot of fears for exams, papers, presentations, and so forth. It's always better to learn this lesson so that you don't repeat history if you've always thought that way. Of course, learning this early is best, but everyone has a different learning pace and that is okay. Stay positive, be active, and start this semester off right!



Telecia Taylor Photo

Chris Hill, a senior painting major, created the new mural in Career Services to reflect the goals of students working to attain a dream. The sweeping line of the mural represents a heartbeat, a time line, or a rhythm of music.

## The best cushion for your dollar: A college student's guide to buying a car

By Mike Vince  
Staff Writer

It has been a long four years of college. Now with a new job in sight it is time to start looking for transportation. "Vehicle choice does matter," says J. Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Unless your Uncle Jay hooked you up with a sweet, high-paying job, it is more than likely that your pockets are not that deep. So a reliable, inexpensive, safe, and preferably gas friendly vehicle will be the most sought after vehicle for most undergraduate students. But what is out there that can also be fun, yet meet the criteria?

There are several vehicles that graduates would love to have because now they are making their own decisions and can have any vehicle (within reason). "Newer vehicles tend to be safer in terms of crashworthiness and they're more likely to have important safety equipment such as side airbags," said

Anne McCartt, Senior Vice President of research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). It is obvious that a fairly new vehicle is your best bet. That limits the choices to just about a hundred.

Limiting the search further, it is best to check the size of the vehicle because, as everyone knows, size does matter. If a Mini Cooper gets hit by a semi-truck, the Mini will not win. The size concept applies to the safety of the driver and occupants. Large vehicles will protect against collisions with other large vehicles and can easily run over smaller vehicles.

Owning a large vehicle may mean that the driver is safe, but the car or truck is more often than not a gas guzzler. The following midsize vehicles are affordable for most graduating students, safe for the driver and passenger, reliable, and are environmentally friendly: Chrysler Sebring, Honda Accord and Toyota Camry. There are several other vehicles that can just as eas-

ily make the cut, but these vehicles put up the best crash test numbers as tested by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Each one of the above vehicles performed above average in their safety tests and also have at least 30 mpg running on regular octane gasoline. The Honda Accord and Toyota Camry both have older versions that are very similar, making it easy to get a decent deal around \$18,000 or less, depending on desired upgrades. The Chrysler Sebring has only begun to excel in recent years. But you can roll off in a Sebring for less than \$20,000.

If you prefer to keep things green then the Camry and Accord are up your alley with optional hybrid models. If you are looking for more speed and appearance, then the Accord and Camry with 6 cylinder engines are where your search ends. If you desire to drop the top and cruise the streets with the wind in your hair then the Sebring will deliver with its convertible model.

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Sat. 9/15 -  
Sun 9/16  
"Knocked Up" Movie  
7 p.m. & 10 p.m.  
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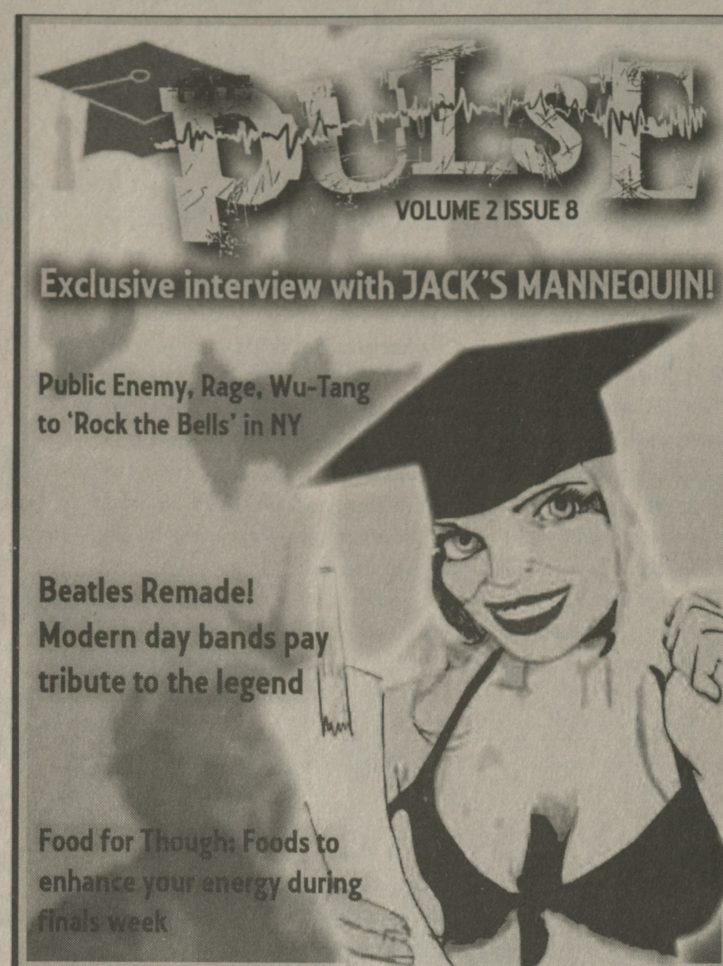
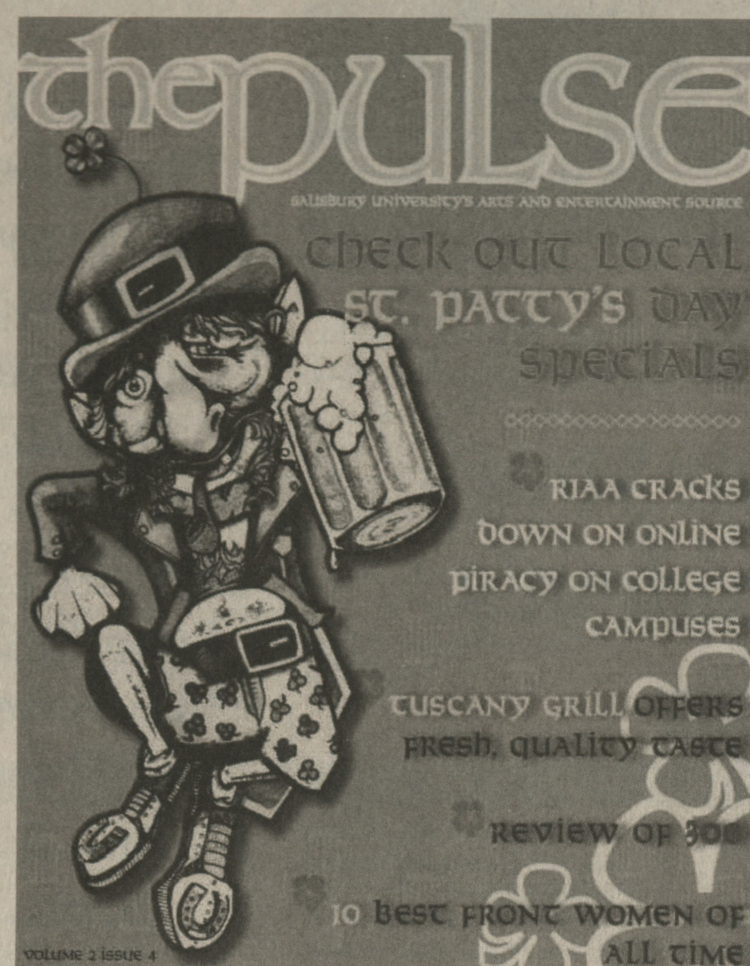
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## SPORTS

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### Field hockey (4-1) goes undefeated during SU's 2007 Invitational

By Jeffrey Southworth  
Staff Writer

The No. 6 Salisbury University field hockey team (4-1) earned three victories during the weekend's 2007 Salisbury University Invitational, beating Denison 4-1 and SUNY Brockport 5-0 on Saturday, and then defeating Eastern Mennonite University 6-0 on Sunday.

The Sea Gulls played the tournaments opening game against Denison and wasted little time scoring. Michelle Rowe found Kandice Hancock ten minutes into the game to convert on a penalty corner, giving the Gulls a 1-0 advantage. Denison quickly tied the game less than two minutes later as Read Powell took advantage of penalty stroke.

After the penalty shot, the Sea Gulls never looked back. Katy Lamboni sent a cross to Beverly Beladino giving the Gulls a 2-1 advantage going into the half.

The Sea Gulls started the second half just as they had finished the first as Lauren Correll found Beladino for her second goal of the game. Beladino and her teammates seemed to always be in the right place at the right time. "We worked real hard in practice, we practice a lot on position, recovering, and trailing," added Beladino.



Kurt Auer Photo

Denison struggled the rest of the way against the fast-paced Sea Gull offense. A key to the Gulls' performance was due to possession of the ball. "We worked hard on maintaining possession," said Coach Dawn Chamberlin. "You can't win without possession." Captain Danielle Twilley added a goal at the end of the second half to secure the win, putting the Gulls up 4-1.

The Gulls then faced off against

SUNY Brockport later in the afternoon, posting a 5-0 victory. Hancock put the Gulls on the board first scoring off a set play four minutes into the contest. Twilley then found senior forward Jami Gobao two minutes later to put the Sea Gulls up 2-0. Katy Lamboni added a goal off a feed from Kristina Holland to put the Gulls up 3-0 fifteen minutes into the first half. Twilley and Gobao then hooked up

again to score the fourth goal of the half.

Salisbury came out of the locker room fired up, picking up right where they left off in the first half, playing a fast-paced game. Sophomore Lauren Correll added a goal off a Twilley assist to put the Gulls up 5-0 early in the second half. The Sea Gulls again proved to be the superior team, out-shooting SUNY Brockport 25-3.

The Sea Gulls continued their winning ways on Sunday, taking down Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) 6-0. Beladino started the scoring for the Gulls in the eight minute, collecting her third tally of the season to put Salisbury on top 1-0. Twilley doubled the Gulls' lead 90 seconds later, scoring on a pass from Michelle Rowe. Twilley struck again, converting a penalty stroke right before halftime and increasing their advantage to 3-0. Salisbury received goals from Ashley Spencer, Lauren Correll, and Ashley Twigg in the second half as they cruised to the 6-0 victory. Salisbury out-shot EMU 27-1, and didn't allow a shot on goal in the second half.

The Sea Gulls will play John Hopkins University on Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. in Sea Gull Stadium.

### New coach takes SU in different direction

By Alexander Ruoff  
Staff Writer

Athletics Director Michael Vienna has announced that Charisse Mapp will take over as the new Salisbury University women's basketball coach, making her the ninth skipper in the program's 53-year history.

Mapp, 42, has been an assistant coach at the Division I level for 13 years and comes to Salisbury after serving Princeton University last season. This is her first collegiate head coaching position.

"My focus this season is on the student athletes," Mapp said. "We're a very young team, but they are hard working women who want to play. I expect them to perform at their best on the court and in the classroom."

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina in 1989, Mapp played two seasons with the Tar Heels' women's basketball team. The pinnacle of Mapp's career as a student-athlete came in 1984 when UNC claimed their first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference women's basketball championship by defeating North Carolina State.

"I'm looking to draw on my experiences with championship coaches



and student athletes," Mapp said. "There are a lot of talented athletes in the world, but few can call themselves champions."

Mapp earned her Master of Education at Temple where she served as an assistant coach for four years and was active in all phases of scouting and recruiting for the Owls. She then went on to become the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at East Carolina University for three seasons until moving on to NC State where she worked with Hall of Fame coach Kay Yow.

"I have always wanted to implement my own recruiting system,"

Mapp said. "I am excited to start the season and get practices underway." Mapp has been an active member of every community in which she has lived. She spent three years running basketball clinics for girls in both Cary and Eastern North Carolina. Mapp has also coached several high school programs over the years.

Mapp served as the head coach for the Athletics in Action team in 1999 which consisted of Division I women's basketball players. The team went to South America where they spent six weeks in Bolivia, touring the area playing basketball, and finished with a 10-1 record.

Mapp replaces Bridget Benshetler, who compiled a 272-177 and led the Gulls to five NCAA tournament appearances and three Capital Athletic Conference championships in 17 seasons with the Gulls. The maroon and gold posted a 15-11 mark last season, making it a 15-11 CAC tournament semifinals before losing to Mary Washington.

The women's basketball team begins their season on November 16 at the Marymount Tournament in Arlington, VA.



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### 2007 Fall Sports PREVIEW

By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

As classes resume and the air cools, Salisbury University Fall Sports return to the field to turn up the heat on their competition. This week we take a look at Salisbury's Football, Field hockey and Volleyball teams.

The pre-season No. 6 ranked Salisbury university Field Hockey team will mix young talent with tested experience. SU's Head Field Hockey Coach Dawn Chamberlin said it will be "exciting and challenging at the same time" working with a younger team to "mold for the future." She wants to "see significant improvement from game to game and to have continued success." Expect to see an impact from sophomores forwards Lauren Correll (Bridgeville, Del.) and Beverly Beladino (Putnam Valley, N.Y.), both of whom are coming off impressive freshman seasons. Freshman Candice Hancock (Westover, MD) will be a big part of this year team taking over at Center midfield.

The Gulls defense will be lead by All-American and team captain Danielle Twilley (Delmar, Del.). Goalie Maria Ramondos returns as a third year starter to her post in front of the Gulls cage with her minuscule career goals against average of 0.77.

The Gulls will now play their home games on the newly installed turf field and Chamberlin said play-

ing on the artificial surface, brings "excitement and will provide a round playing surface while leveling the playing field with our competitors."

Salisbury's Volleyball Coach Margie Knight has a simple goal for the 2007 season, saying she "wants to win the conference to get to the NCAA Atlantic region playoffs and become in the eyes of others a top flight team." Getting there will rely on the big front line of six footers creating an intimidating wall of maroon and gold. The team will look for leadership from Juniors Stacey Kreb (Eldersburg, MD) and Jamie Marzocchi (Harrington Park, NJ) as Knight will expect them to "lead by example this year." Also playing a key roll will be a pair of sophomores, outside hitter Rachel Downe (Salisbury, MD) and Libero (defensive specialist position) Gabby Long (Bel Air, MD). Two freshmen to watch this year will be outside hitter Melissa Stansbury (Eldersburg, MD) and middle hitter Kathleen Cinelli (Bayport, NY). With a large part of last years roster returning the Gulls have high aspirations for the 2007 campaign.

If you ask Salisbury Head Football Coach Sherman Wood what the biggest advantages of having more than sixty players participate in summer workout he would tell you "team chemistry, were a family here." Of course there was some added physical strength and conditioning as well. If you ask the players why they did it, they simply

wanted the best team to come out and play year round.

At the helm of the offense will be QB Ronnie Curley (Ellicott City, MD) who went 5-3 last season after taking over after week four. Junior offensive linemen David Preston (Beltsville, MD) will lead a group of 'big uglies' as they plow the way for the multiple option attack. SU hopes to see some flash from the slot position on offense manned by senior captain Jamar Garner (Frederick, MD), sophomore Valdas Morris (Salisbury, Md.), senior David Lenoard (Upper Marlboro, MD) and sophomore William Midgett (Salisbury, MD). Providing the thunder for Salisbury will be the super-backs Ronnie Shockley (Berlin, MD) and Shelby Fisher (Baltimore, MD).

Coach Wood said the defense has "added confidence and understanding" entering their second year running the 3-3-5 Odd Stack, with the biggest improvement coming from "their faster ability to recognize and react to the football." Preseason All-American DL Joe Galloway (Pasadena, MD) will lead a group of seven returning starters on defense. Junior DE Jarrell Chandler (Salisbury, MD) will give opposing offensive linemen trouble coming off the end. Senior LB and captain Chris Loveland (Bayville, N.J.) and junior OLB Matt Barnes (Hampshire, MD) are expected to play a big roll.



# Editor's Corner

## The time has come

By Shawn Nisson  
Sports Editor

Commissioner Bud Selig and the rest of Major League Baseball can no longer ignore the elephant in the living room. It's no longer acceptable for baseball to sit on their hands and turn a blind eye to what everyone knows is going on. The time has come for baseball to get serious about steroids, and steroid testing.

The New York Daily News and SL.com have recently released reports that link three current MLB players to a Florida based clinic under investigation for illegally distributing prescription medication, or, more accurately, for distributing steroids.

After years of speculation about the pervasiveness of steroids in baseball, this seems like only the tip of the iceberg. It is highly doubtful that Jay Gibbons, Troy Glaus, and Rick Ankiel are the only current Major Leaguers to try and get a leg-up on the competition by using performance enhancing steroids and/or human growth hormone.

Ankiel, who was baseball's feel good story of the summer, now has a black cloud over his name. Ankiel pitched in 51 games for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1999-2004, but was then demoted for an inability to get pitches over the plate. He fought his way through the minors and has now returned to the big leagues as a power hitting outfield-

er. In 26 games this season, Ankiel is batting .330 with 9 HR and 29 RBI, which are impressive numbers for anyone, especially a former pitcher. According to the report, Ankiel received a 12-month supply of HGH in 2004. In response Ankiel defended himself, saying that he was just following his doctors prescription after major elbow surgery.

The whispers about steroid abuse in baseball have always surrounded big name players like Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi, but with players like Jason Grimsley admitting to taking steroids, it seems that cheating is more prevalent than once thought.

If baseball continues down this path with their apathetic attitude towards steroids, it could easily destroy the game. Granted, the MLB has stepped up the penalties for steroid use with first time offenders receiving a 50-game suspension, 100-game suspensions for second time offenders, and a lifetime ban for a third positive test. They only started testing for steroids in 2002.

Even though no current tests can detect HGH, baseball needs to collect blood samples from all players to save until one is found. Baseball is built upon records and tradition, but if the "tradition" of steroid use continues it will corrode the core of the sport by turning off the fans and destroy the game as we know it.

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## SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT ★ SPORTS BEAT

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
The Salisbury University women's soccer team defeated Ursinus College on Saturday 2-0, benefiting from two Kate Weaver goals. The senior Weaver scored her first goal 25 minutes into the contest coming off an assist from freshman Sara Koenig. Weaver struck again 12 minutes later, heading home a pass from Kelli Salter. Weaver's 29 career goals place her fourth on SU's all-time goal list. The Gulls are now 3-0 for the season and will host No. 4 Virginia Wesleyan at home on September 12 at 4:30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**  
SUNY Brockport trailed by just three points at half time, but the SU Football team came out on fire in the second half, outscoring their opponents 23-0 as they marched to a 40-14 victory. Salisbury (2-0, 1-0 ACFC) compiled 427 yards of total offense, with 293 yards coming on the ground and 134 yards through the air. The defense was led by Chris Loveland, who had 10 total tackles, impressively collecting three sacks and two interceptions. Junior quar-

terback Ronnie Curley rushed for 75 yards and a touchdown and threw for 76 yards and a touchdown. Salisbury will travel to Christopher Newport University next Saturday to face the nationally ranked Captains in a key non-conference game.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
The Salisbury University volleyball team went 2-2 during the 2007 Battlefield Classic hosted by Gettysburg College, beating both Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), and Lycoming, but losing to John Hopkins and Elizabethtown. In their first game against EMU, junior Stacey Krebs recorded 17 kills while fellow junior Jaime Marzocchi handed out 24 assists as SU cruised to the 3-0 victory. The Gulls continued their roll against Lycoming College, beating them 3-0 with Krebs, Jessica Powell and Nicole Massarelli collecting seven kills apiece. The Gulls were not as fortunate on Saturday as they fell to John Hopkins 3-1 and Elizabethtown 3-0. Krebs collected 35 kills and 24 digs in the two losses and Marzocchi had 54 combined

assists in the two contests.

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Senior Eric Graves won the men's five mile race as both the men's and women's cross country teams placed third at the Towson Invitational. Graves finished in a time of 26:45 and was followed by Buck Stokes who finished 17<sup>th</sup> with a time of 28:03. The women were paced by Kelly Sullivan who finished ninth with a time of 19:23. Salisbury will compete at the New York University Invitational at Van Cortland park at 9 a.m.

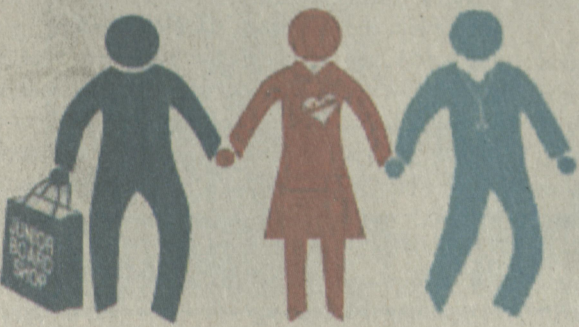
**MEN'S SOCCER**  
The Salisbury University men's soccer team extended their consecutive shutout streak to three games (290 minutes) beating rival Washington College 1-0. Salisbury (2-0-1) broke the scoreless tie in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute as freshman Mike Napolitano deposited the pass from Nick Malone into the back of the net to give the Gulls all the offense they needed. SU goalie Matt Blue recorded two saves in his third straight shutout.

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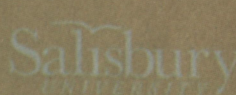





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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
■ 4:30 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Virginia Wesleyan  ■ 5:30 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Johns Hopkins			■ 9 a.m. - Cross Country @ NYU Invitational  ■ 12 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. Frostburg  ■ 1 p.m. - Football @ Christopher Newport	■ 9 a.m. Volleyball @ Swathmore Tournament		■ 4 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Gallandet